

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information storage medium which has  
a management area and a data area,

5       said data area having data recorded therein in  
such a manner that the data is separated into one or  
more sequences, each sequence composed of one or more  
programs corresponding to one or more cells,

      said management area including a sequence  
management table for managing program sequences by  
10       determining an order of playback of said cells, and  
including a program management table for managing said  
programs, wherein

      first text information expressed in alphanumeric  
characters is recorded in said program management table,  
15       and

      second text information is recorded in the same  
language as or a different language from that of said  
first text information into a specific area which  
is different from a recording area of said program  
20       management table in said management area.

2. The information storage medium according to  
claim 1, wherein said first text information includes  
first retrieval information usable in searching for  
said programs.

25       3. The information storage medium according to  
claim 2, wherein said second text information includes  
second retrieval information usable in searching for

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said programs.

4. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said second text information includes an identification code, a size of text information, and a body of text information.

5. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said second text information includes an identification code and a size of text information.

6. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said sequence management table includes a search pointer which points at a specific point in said program sequence and which includes said first text information.

7. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said specific area is included in said management area and includes said second text information as sub-information for said first text information.

8. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said first text information and second text information can be used in searching for said programs, and wherein a search using said first text information has priority of search over a search using said second text information.

9. The information storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said management area includes a management table for managing said cells, and

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text information expressed in alphanumeric characters is recorded in said cell management table.

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5        10. The information storage medium according to claim 2, wherein said first text information includes at least one of video-recording start date and time, video-recording end date and time, a source name, and a channel number.

10        11. The information storage medium according to claim 3, wherein said first text information includes at least one of video-recording start date and time, video-recording end date and time, a source name, and a channel number.

15        12. A recording apparatus which uses an optical disc having a management area and a data area in which one or more programs have been recorded, said management area including a sequence management table for managing the sequence of said programs and a program management table for managing said programs, said recording apparatus comprising:

20        first recording means for recording data in unit of a program into said data area on said optical disc;

25        second recording means for recording first text information expressed in alphanumeric characters and usable in searching for said programs into said program management table on said optical disc; and

third recording means for recording second text information usable in searching for said programs into

an area which is different from a recording area of said program management table in said management area on said optical disc.

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5 13. The recording apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second text information is expressed in the same language as that of said first text information.

10 14. The recording apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second text information is expressed in a different language from that of said first text information.

15 15. The recording apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second and third recording means record in such a manner that a search using said first text information has priority of search over a search using said second text information.

20 16. A reproducing apparatus which uses an optical disc having a management area and a data area in which one or more programs have been recorded, said management area including a sequence management table for managing the sequence of said programs and a program management table for managing said programs, said reproducing apparatus comprising:

25 input means for inputting at least one of video-recording date and channel number as text information;

retrieving means for retrieving a program to be reproduced by comparing the inputted text information

with primary text information recorded in said program management table;

selecting means for selecting one of pieces of the text information with respect to the retrieved program to be reproduced; and

reproducing means for reproducing data of the program corresponding to the selected piece of the said information.

17. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:

second retrieving means for retrieving a program using other text information different from said primary text information.

18. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein a search using said primary text information has priority over a search using said other text information.

19. A reproducing apparatus which reproduces said first text information or said second text information from the information storage medium according to claim 1.

20. A reproducing apparatus which reproduces the contents of records in said management area from the information storage medium according to claim 1.